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ADOPTING THE SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF RESPONSE PERIOD UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents United States Patent and Trademark Office Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition* under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply to the Official Action (Final Rejection) mailed February 23, 2004, in the above-captioned application, as necessary to effect the proper and timely filing of the "Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116" (filed June 22, 2004), the "Request for Continued Examination (RCE)" (filed July 23, 2004) and concurrently filed "Supplemental Amendment."

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) to Deposit Account 50-1645. Any further fees necessary to effect the proper and timely filing of this Petition and any accompanying papers may also be charged to Deposit Account 50-1645.

Respectfully submitted,

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^{*} An initial Petition for Extension of Time was filed with the "Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116" on June 22, 2004.